

**Memorandum  
Office of the City Clerk**

**To:** Thomas Thomas, City Manager  
**Subject:** Outdoor Entertainment/Event Lucky Shamrock  
**Date:** January 16, 2012



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Attached is a letter from the Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub located at 313 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The Lucky Shamrock is requesting permission to use the alley way between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the east side of 20<sup>th</sup> Street (adjacent to their building) on Saturday March 17, 2012 from 7:00 am (set-up time) to 3:00 pm. It is noted that the alley way is closed off during the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub is also requesting permission to have either live Irish music outside in the alley or music amplified from speakers beginning at 10:00 am. In case of inclement weather, the Lucky Shamrock is requesting to set up a canopy for its patrons in the alley way.

Alcohol will not be sold outside. However, patrons will be allowed to carry their alcoholic beverages from inside the establishment to the demarcated area outside. It is noted that food will be sold.

The Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub will provide security personnel to ensure that minors do not enter the fenced in area. I.D.'s will be checked for age verification. The Certificate of Insurance is forthcoming. The purpose of the event is to contribute to the St. Patrick's Day Parade festivities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Council approve the event with music, utilization of the alley way, and the setup of a canopy for the Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations.

**Submitted by:** Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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**Approved by:** Thomas Thomas, City Manager

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To: City of Rock Island; City Hall, City Council

From: The Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub

313 20<sup>th</sup> St, Rock Island, IL

This letter is to formally request use of the alleyway adjacent to our building (between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. East side of 20<sup>th</sup> street) on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patricks Day 2012, and explain our intentions for the space, should this request be granted. This request is made assuming this coming St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on that day, if not, we'd request the same permission for whatever alternate date the parade would be held on.

This alleyway is closed off during the parade regardless, as the parade route restricts it's use, and being an Irish Pub, we feel being able to utilize the available public space would only positively contribute to the parade festivities.

The added space would enhance our ability to serve what we believe will be a large amount of customer traffic in what is a fairly small bar with limited floorspace and seating. In addition, we intend to demarcate the outdoor space, allowing entry only through our main entrance, thus assuring all patrons inside and outside have been verified as 21 years of age or older.

This St. Patricks Day will be The Lucky Shamrock's first anniversary of opening our doors. Over the last year, everyone at The Lucky Shamrock has been dedicated providing a neighborhood Irish pub that is clean, friendly, safe, and has a zero tolerance for drug use, underage drinking, or any behavior that is illegal or disrespectful of others. In that time, we have labored diligently to maintain those standards, develop a great new customer base, and separate ourselves from problems that may have existed in previous establishments at this location. Hopefully that has become apparent to everyone who lives and works here in downtown, and it is in that spirit we hope the decision makers for the City of Rock Island can feel assured any granted use of public space would be handled safely, responsibly, and conscientiously.

The specifics of what we would like to do during the parade are as follows;

Use of the alley space as it runs from front to back of our building (ending at the end of our property as to not interfere with the parking area of adjacent condos), and possibly running along the front of our building so patrons can spread out to watch the parade. All allowed space would be demarcated and monitored by staff.

A timeframe of early morning, so we can set up well before the parade, and until the parade crowd thins out, I'm guessing late afternoon, but no later than dusk.

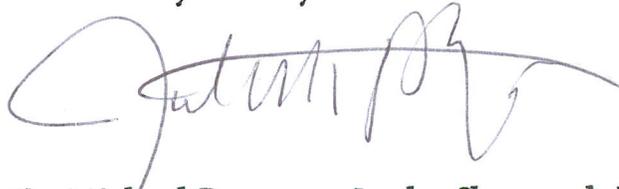
We would like to be able to put up a large tent/canopy just in case of weather. We may not need to have shelter, however it's an option I'd like to have available just in case.

We'd obviously like our customers to be able to take their drinks outside into this area, but we would be happy to only sell from inside if that's an issue. If it's not an issue, I believe the most we would be interested in selling outside the bar would be possibly draft beer, or beers out of an ice tub, just to ease crowding at the bar. However, that could also be done at a separate area inside the bar, and in either case, we will have staff monitoring fenced areas to assure no alcohol is being taken or passed beyond specified space.

We have also discussed having bagpipes, Irish dancers, or possibly some live Irish music outside in the alley. It's not certain that's going to manifest, but again, it would be a nice option to have if that's a possibility. Or even to be able to put speakers outside may suffice if possible, we are very flexible and just want everyone to have a great time. Any allowed music or entertainment would not be started until later in the morning, closer to parade time or after, as not to be a disturbance. I'm guessing 10am?

Lastly, I take great pride in our establishment, and from the beginning have taken to keeping all trash, glass, garbage, and even weeds cleaned from all surrounding sidewalk and alleyway, both sides of the alley. You can see this for yourselves by driving down alley and seeing it is virtually always free of garbage, debris, and cigarette butts. So you can also rest assured this event would be cleaned up afterwards thoroughly.

Thank you for your consideration!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Michael Ramsay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

Justin Michael Ramsay Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub

Please call with any questions . . . . 563-579-3406